

TRIBUTE TO MR. HERBERT D.  
KATZ

### HON. ROBERT WEXLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005*

Mr. WEXLER. Mr. Speaker, Representatives ALCEE L. HASTINGS, KENDRICK B. MEEK, and DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and I rise to recognize Mr. Herbert D. Katz for his dedication as a member of the South Florida Jewish Community for the past 35 years. During this time, Herb has held numerous leadership positions in organizations including AIPAC and the United Jewish Appeal (UJA). Herb has served on AIPAC's National Board of Directors for over 20 years and played a key role in strengthening U.S.-Israeli relations, especially on Capitol Hill. Herb's knowledge, credibility and passion for politics have led him to foster key relationships with a wide-range of elected officials, and we deeply value his activism, patriotism and exemplary public service.

Herb Katz has dedicated his life to enhancing U.S.-Israeli ties and has an extraordinary history of championing Jewish causes at the local, national and global level. He served on the UJA Young Leadership Cabinet in its earliest years. He also served as the president of Jewish Federation of Hollywood in the early 1970s and was the first president of the newly established Jewish Federation of Broward County in 1996. He chaired the Board of Overseers of the Center for Advanced Judaic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania. He also served as president of the National Board of American Friends of Hebrew University, which awarded him an honorary degree. Herb and his wife Ellie have selflessly exemplified the highest form of hesed and have demonstrated exemplary Jewish leadership and pro-Israel political activism, and we hold them both in the utmost regard.

It is therefore with great pleasure that we offer our heartfelt congratulations to Herb for being honored by AIPAC—one of the foremost advocacy organizations in the world.

Herb's commitment and dedication to U.S.-Israeli relations is immeasurable and his leadership continues to be critical to maintaining the unbreakable bond between the two nations. It is our honor to join AIPAC and its members in recognizing Herb. We thank him for his work, and wish him mazel tov and much continued success.

HONORING BARBARA T. BOWMAN  
FOR LIFELONG COMMITMENT TO  
EDUCATION

### HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005*

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Barbara T. Bowman, who tonight will receive the prestigious Harold W. McGraw, Jr. Prize in Education. Professor Bowman is co-founder and former president of Erikson Institute, and currently serves as chief officer of the Chicago Public Schools' Office of Early Childhood Education.

Along with Professor Bowman, Sharon Lynn Kagan and Ellen Moir are being honored dur-

ing an awards ceremony at the New York Public Library. They have been chosen to receive the prestigious 18th annual award for their work in early childhood education and teacher professional development. They have brought academic innovation, as well as a tireless focus in preparing students and teachers for success.

Professor Bowman is a lifelong proponent of higher education for those who teach and care for young children, and a pioneer in building knowledge and understanding of the issues of access and equity for minority children. She co-founded Erikson Institute in 1966 to educate preschool teachers to work with children from low-income families in the Head Start program. Today, largely because of Bowman's leadership, Erikson's educational programs reach more than 2,500 students and, through them, hundreds of thousands of children.

Professor Bowman and her husband are residents of the Hyde Park Community in Chicago, and they are well known for their community, civic, and political activities. They represent the best of citizenship and what it means to live in a free and democratic society.

I salute Professor Bowman and the other honorees for their outstanding contributions to education. These individuals have dedicated themselves to improving education in this country and their accomplishments continue to make a difference today.

HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE MARK-UP OF  
H. RES. 375, H. RES. 408, AND H.  
RES. 419

### HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005*

Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I want to express my support for H. Res. 375, as well as H. Res. 408 and H. Res. 419, all requesting information from the Administration regarding plans and communication leading up to the war in Iraq, as well as requesting information regarding the leak of CIA Agent Valerie Plame's name to the media. These resolutions highlight a disturbing trend within the Bush Administration to hide critical information from Congress and the American people. The President owes Americans the truth, especially when it involves the lives of our sons and daughters.

Like so many of my colleagues, and so many of my constituents in the 4th District of Minnesota, I was profoundly disturbed when I learned of the so-called Downing Street Memo in May 2005. This document details minutes of a July 2002 meeting between British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his cabinet. The minutes of the meeting indicate that British officials believed President Bush had already decided to pursue war with Iraq. The minutes further appear to indicate that the Bush Administration was intentionally distorting intelligence information to justify the case for invading Iraq.

Concern by Congress and the American people regarding the Downing Street Memo have escalated since first reported. Earlier this year, over ninety Members of the House sent a letter to President Bush requesting a full accounting of these allegations. The President

has yet to respond to this letter. However, the British government has not disputed the authenticity of the Downing Street Memo, and a former senior Bush Administration official has confirmed the accuracy of this account to the press. The failure of the Administration to address these concerns and to adequately investigate the leak of an undercover CIA agent's name to the media is obstructionist. This is a meter of accountability and transparency, and I support all three of these resolutions.

While all Americans stand united in support of our troops, President Bush has offered no plan for success in Iraq. In fact, most Americans now agree that the President's complete mishandling of the war in Iraq has transformed Iraq into a terrorist haven and made our own nation less safe. As a member of the minority party in Congress, I will continue to hold the Bush Administration accountable for the flawed and dangerous policy in Iraq.

H. Res. 375, H. Res. 408, and H. Res. 419 should be favorably reported out of the House International Relations Committee, and the citizens of this country should finally be told the truth by this Administration.

NEXTENERGY CENTER GRAND  
OPENING

### HON. CAROLYN C. KILPATRICK

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, September 27, 2005*

Ms. KILPATRICK of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize NextEnergy, a non-profit organization in my district of Detroit. It is a leader in the development and research of technologies that will make our nation more energy independent.

On September 29, leaders from Michigan and around the country will celebrate the grand opening of the NextEnergy Center, a state-of-the-art alternative energy innovation center. This is a wonderful day for everyone interested in making sure that Michigan is at the forefront of alternative technologies which will create jobs and ensure energy security with economic growth in the years ahead. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I have been a supporter of Congressional funding for this effort, and I have no doubt that this federal investment will pay many dividends.

At the beginning of the 20th century, the City of Detroit and the State of Michigan revolutionized personal transportation with the development and production of motor vehicles. The automobile industry became a key part of our state's heritage and way of life.

Now at the dawn of the 21st century, we need to find new ways to power our cars and trucks. We want to develop better systems to improve energy efficiency and reduce air pollution. And we know that there is no better place to lead this new effort than from the heart of the Motor City. We have the knowledge, the talent, the expertise, the creativity, and the drive to get the job done.

With the opening of the NextEnergy Center, another important milestone has been reached. It will showcase a new breed of emerging technologies. From my discussions with the automobile companies and other industry leaders, I know that advanced technologies offer great promise for the future. But